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This communication is responsive to the Notice of Omitted Items, mailed August 22, 2001, a copy of which is attached hereto.

For purposes of this petition, the applicant accepts that a copy of Figure 27 was not included in the application materials filed on June 29, 2001. Applicant reserves the right to prove otherwise in a subsequent petition or communication.

The primary basis for this petition is that Figure 27 was included in the provisional application 60/215,653, filed June 30, 2000, on which the present application claims priority. A copy of Figure 27 from the provisional application is attached hereto. A full copy of the provisional application will be provided upon request. Since the present application claims priority on provisional application 60/215,653, and was filed while provisional application 60/215,653 was still pending, it is submitted that Figure 27 was timely filed via the provisional application and should therefore be treated as having been filed with the present application.

A secondary basis for this petition is as follows. It is noted that the application also includes an Appendix II that contains a VHDL description of the circuit shown in Figure 27.

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In other words, compiling Appendix II with an appropriate VHDL compiler will regenerate Figure 27. Thus, Figure 27 and Appendix II are, indirectly, one and the same.

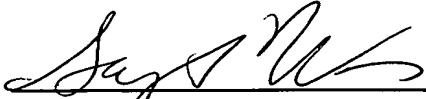
In the event that this Petition is not accepted, the application should be treated as though Figure 27 was not part of the application. The applicant will then submit a new Figure 27 in a preliminary amendment and will assert that Figure 27 is not new matter because its contents are fully disclosed by Appendix II.

Please charge all fees due and apply any refunds in connection with this patent application to Pennie & Edmonds LLP's Deposit Account No. 16-1150 (order no. 9806-0031-999).

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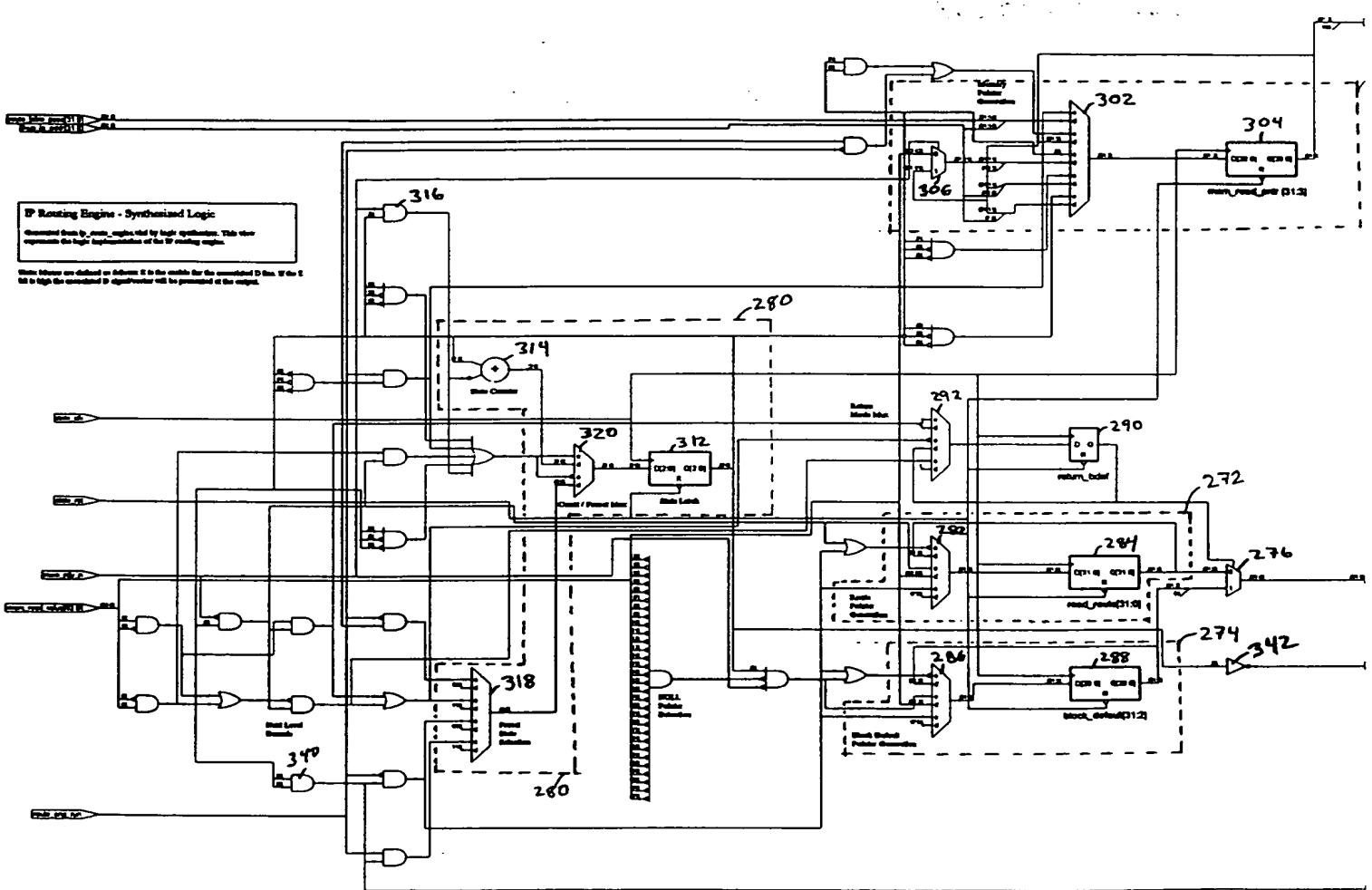


FIG. 27